

REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and its entry is respectfully requested prior to payment of the issue fee. Claim 60 is added.

Applicants submit that the proposed new claim is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention.

Applicants submit that the proposed new claim requires no additional search or examination because a claim with identical subject matter has already been considered and allowed by the Examiner and because claim 60 is a dependent claim.

Applicants submit that the proposed new claim is patentable. New dependent claim 60 sets forth subject matter identical to subject matter found in allowed dependent claim 31.

Applicants' undersigned representative did not present dependent claim 60 earlier due to an unintentional oversight.

The proposed new dependent claim 60 does not introduce "new matter." The sufficiency of disclosure of the subject matter of new claim 60 was considered by the Examiner during prosecution of the subject application as the added dependent claim is substantially identical to dependent claim 31. Furthermore, multiplicity of claims should not be a problem because of the nature of the added claim. Consequently, Applicants request entry of this Amendment.

If there is any additional matter that may be resolved by telephone or fax, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission other than an excess claims fee. However, if such petition is

due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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